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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed: July 26, 2002	/	Examiner: Nutter, Nathan M.
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For: BIODEGRADABLE BLOCK	/	
COPOLYMERS WITH	/	
<u>MODIFIABLE SURFACE</u>	/	

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Office Action in the form of a Restriction Requirement dated June 10, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I as outlined by the Examiner, comprising Claims 1-11, 14 and 15, categorized by the Office Action as being drawn to a block copolymer and shaped body thereof.

In connection with the Office Action's requirement that Applicants elect among the alleged hydrophobic species, for which claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-32 are categorized as being generic, Applicants elect without traverse polyesters, corresponding to claims 1-32.

Regarding the Office Action's requirement that Applicants elect among the alleged ultimate hydrophilic species, for which claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-32 are listed as being generic, Applicants elect without traverse polyethylene glycol, corresponding to claims 1-32.


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As for the Office Action's requirement that Applicants elect among the alleged substance d) species, for which claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-32 are grouped as generic, Applicants elect without traverse carbohydrates, corresponding to claims 1-32.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for an action on the merits, and request that such be done at an early date. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with Applicants' representative would be helpful to advance the prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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